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SUBJECT: CHINESE VIEWS ON NEW COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT

1. PRC REPRESENTATIVE CHEN MADE LENGTHY STATEMENT IN CLOSING MEETING OF SSOD IN NEW YORK JUNE 30 WHICH INTER ALIA APPEARS TO INDICATE THAT CHINA WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN NEW COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT. FULL TEXT, JUST RECEIVED IN DEPARTMENT, IS BEING POUCHED PEKING.

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2. IN HIS JUNE 30 STATEMENT, CHEN REPEATED EARLIER CHINESE SSOD PROPOSAL THAT A NEW NEGOTIATING BODY SHOULD BE ORGANIZED THROUGH CONSULTATIONS BY "AN INTERNATIONAL ORGAN WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL COUNTRIES" AND SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE TO THAT ORGAN. CHEN ADDED THAT "IT IS DIFFI-CULT TO ENSURE THAT THE NEW NEGOTIATING BODY CAN FURTHER REMOVE AND WEAKEN THE CONTROL AND INFLUENCE OF THE SUPER-

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POWERS AND REALLY ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING, IN VIEW OF THE FACT
THAT THE DECISION IN THE FINAL DOCUMENT ON THE REFORM OF
THE DISARMAMENT MACHINERY HAS FAILED TO SPECIFY EXPLICITLY
THAT THIS NEW NEGOTIATING BODY BE COMPOSED ON THE BASIS OF
EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION. FURTHERMORE, THE
NEGOTIATING BODY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE TO THE DELIBERATIVE
ORGAN AND THE SPECIFIC ITEMS FOR NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOT
DETERMINED BY THE DELIBERATIVE ORGAN THROUGH CONSULTATIONS.
IN OUR OPINION, FURTHER EFFORTS ON THE PART OF THE NUMEROUS
THIRD-WORLD AND OTHER SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED COUNTRIES
WILL BE REQUIRED TO MAKE THE NEW NEGOTIATING BODY ON
DISARMAMENT A BETTER ONE THAT SATISFIES THE AFOREMEN-
TIONED REQUIREMENTS. IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT IN ONE OF HIS
STATEMENTS IN THE AD HOC COMMITTEE, THE SOVIET REPRESEN-
TATIVE, OBVIOUSLY WITH ULTERIOR MOTIVES, TRIED HIS BEST
TO PEDDLE THE HOAX OF A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE WHICH
WOULD BRUSH ASIDE THE UNITED NATIONS. WE CATEGORICALLY
REJECT SUCH A PROPOSAL." CHRISTOPHER

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